

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE BUDGET (SIB)**Application No. 1**

Funding Source	SIB
Name of Project	Fence & Fire Door Project
Lead Organisation	Castletown Scouts

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB Application
£5,632	£0	£5,632
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
6 months	July 2019	December 2019

The Project

Castletown Scout Group has been in existence for over 80 years with 1937 being the earliest tangible record in the Parish Magazine, however it is believed the group was in existence prior to this. The Group consists of an even mixture of Boys and Girls, aged between 6 to 18 years old, and over the years has had many members from around the North Area where there are no other Scout Groups.

Group Numbers below, restricted to the availability of Leaders, in addition currently have waiting lists for places identifying demand for the groups.

Tuesdays, 20 Beavers – 6 - 8 years old
 Wednesdays, 25 Cubs – 8 - 10 ½ year olds
 Fridays, 20+ Scouts - 14 - 18 year olds

The young people currently work towards a range of awards including - Activity Badges where they progress existing pursuits and also try and form new interests, Challenge Awards involving the accomplishment of more ambitious tasks within the Troop and/or local community, Core Badges obtained by joining or moving on from the Troop and Activity Packs sponsored by outside companies which provide resource packs to assist the Scouts in gaining further badges.

As well as being challenging physically and mentally activities help young people to set and achieve goals and grow in confidence. While some activities are indoors, the most enjoyable, exciting and fun that appeal to young people joining the scouts take place outdoors. Young people really need to be outdoors to enjoy the full benefits that scouting can really offer and enable them to reach their full potential of developing into well balanced, capable and confident adults for the future

In order to support the continued delivery of safe outdoor play and activities for the scout groups who use Castletown Scout building and to ensure their health and safety needs are met within the building the following works are required:

- Replacement of Part of Perimeter Fence
- Fire Door Renewal

Replacing the Fire Door and old part of the Fence will ensure the Safety and Security of the occupants and contents of Castletown Scout building and will also support the North Area Committee in delivering to its priority of Activities for Young People

Recommendation - Approve

The North Area Joint Board recommend approval of the application which delivers to the, Activities for Young People Priority.

Application No. 2

Funding Source	SIB
Name of Project	Friends of Fulwell Future Generations
Lead Organisation	North East Sport CIC

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB Application
£64,050	£14,050	£50,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
2 Year	July 2019	July 2021

The Project

This project is to continue our work in the Fulwell Ward after the highly successful delivery of the Raising Aspirations Project Friends of Fulwell (FOF). Thanks to the previous two years of funding FOF is now a constituted charity and led by a local Steering Group.

Listening to resident's views and feedback has been keen to the development of the future of this project and this application proposed to target several key issues in the Fulwell ward all of which are centred on young people, who will be the main drivers of a positive change in the area and leave a legacy for the future. This will be done by engaging with new groups of young people to get involved in their local community and this will be achieved by running twelve six week blocks of mentorship programs, with a total of 120 new young people engaged in the program. We have a brilliant record of working with young people over the past ten years and our experience has proved that creating good habits at a young age can instil a long-term legacy not only of their futures but also of their own communities. Many have found full time employment such as police, teaching, armed forces and we are proud that we have given them the pathway to success, this is what we want to continue to do with this project.

We will continue to listen to people's views through:

- Questionnaires/survey – hard copy and electronic
- Focused Surgeries/drop in - to enable local people to share their views
- Use of social media platforms
- Utilisation of partner capacity in the delivery of these
- Use of existing consultative events on which to piggy back

We have built an excellent reputation over the past two years and now have the support in Fulwell to continue to make a difference to our community. This is what we aim to do for Fulwell over the coming two years:

- Activities for young people
- Engage with young people who are disengaged and at risk of ASB
- Environmental projects
- Ward events
- Information sharing | Partnership work

Activities for Young People

The current project has established a youth group led by a group of young people from Fulwell who want to make a real difference to their community. The 2019 - 2021 project will enable us to not only continue to support these young people but also build on what we have already achieved by getting more young people involved. We have excellent links with all the primary schools in the area as well as being based in Monkwearmouth Academy, this is a great advantage for us as young people look to expand our services to support more young people in the Fulwell ward. We have evidence, through consultation, that young people are very keen to get involved into social action. Our project is very much centred on this with the young people taking very active roles in the key areas that we are looking to address. This project will

enable us to continue and grow the capacity of our regular Wednesday night meetings of the Youth Forum for two years.

We already have plans for the coming year in linking up with the TWFR and Northumbria Police which involves running a charity football match. We have already held preliminary talks with Monkwearmouth Academy who are very supportive in hosting the event. They are keen to be involved with the project as a whole but are particularly interested in environmental projects surrounding Cut Throat Dene. FOF Future Generations will enable us to strengthen the current partnerships already built and allow us to create links with new partners. This will significantly strengthen the partnership as a whole.

How are we going to get more young people engaged in the project?

- We propose to run three, six week blocks of mentorship and training programs, utilising local school facilities including Seaburn Dene, Fulwell Junior School and St Benet's throughout the school year. This will be eighteen hours in total. This will be after school and not part of the school curriculum. This is over the two-year period.
- Ongoing mentoring and consultation with Monkwearmouth Academy who will become a key partner of the project, discussions have already taken place with the head teacher and they are very keen to get involved. Utilising student's enrichment time. For example an older student may come to Primary School sessions with us.
- Prior to the 6 week block of contact, we would go into the school in question and run a session on what they think the problems in the area are and what they want to run a campaign for. This is to ensure that they have ownership over their school's project and we are getting constant feedback on what needs improvement in the area through the eyes of young people.
- Each six week block will result in the young people designing an event for the community of Fulwell this will be to target one of the key issues of the FOF project ie: They might identify an area in Fulwell which may need a litter pick, then throughout the six weeks we will teach the students what they need to do.
- Part of the program will bring in funding as well as the events will be sponsored or an entrance fee will be charged to help raise additional funds for the area.
- **Here is an example of how the program would look:**

Quarter	School	Fundraising for	Activity
2	Seaburn Dene	Signage for Cut Throat Dene	Clean Up Cut throat Dene
3	St Benets	Community Christmas Party	A Christmas Party for Young People
4	Fulwell Juniors	PA System for the community for events.	Armistice day
1	Seaburn Dene	Family activities	Family Camp Out

It must be stressed that any of these events will be for the whole of Fulwell Community and open for everyone. The program will be supported by fellow members of the newly formed steering group.

Young people who are disengaged and at risk of ASB

There recently has been an increase in anti-social behaviour in the Fulwell and surrounding areas. We aim to help to engage with these young people who are often actually from outside of the area of Fulwell but are attracted by the coast and the green spaces. We have a major advantage in engaging with these people as a significant number of local young people, a proportion of whom are labelled "disengaged" are actually connected through peer networks, schools networks, our local environmental action activities etc. We are very well known to local people. We have an extensive existing reach across the community as a trusted local organisations with experience and expertise in community engagement and support for young people. We have strong and developing relationships across the local community and voluntary

sector infrastructure that further widens and supports engagement. We have positive relationships with agencies such as Northumbria Police through our work both with young people and around community safety issues.

The work of NE Sport engages with over 800 children and young people each week in addition to engagement with their families/carers, again a significant proportion are engaged through sport but otherwise suffer from a level of disengagement /disaffection. These relationships place us in a position of trust and confidence within the community that will support us in our wider engagement strategy.

Another key strength of us working with young people at risk is that we are based right at the heart of some of the ASB at Cut Throat Dene meaning we are already in regular contact with some of the people at risk.

We will also utilise our social media presence and our existing complement of young volunteers and new volunteers in the engagement process to target our communications.

Environmental work:

Over the next two years we will continue maintaining planters, flower beds and improving the local natural environment around Fulwell ward. This will be done through our existing partnerships with local groups and also include local businesses something that we have had great success in the past with cash donations and volunteer hours. We have also managed to gain support from national organisations such as Siemens and Price Water House Cooper who have helped with beach cleans and maintenance of planters. We not only want to build on these existing relationships but also extend these and have already held preliminary talks with future partners including Nationwide and NatWest banks.

We will also build on our fantastic rapport with local schools to get them further involved in helping the local environment. We have had fantastic success in these environmental projects in the past which has helped cement and build very strong foundations which led to having trustworthy relationships with all schools in the community of Fulwell.

Cut Throat Dene

This project will target Cut Throat Dene which has become a hot spot for anti-social behaviour. We will look to actively engage with the Police, TWFR and work alongside them to engage the young people. This will require several informal visits to the area working alongside the relevant partners. Educating the young people about the damage that they are causing and the long-term effects to the environment. We have held discussions with Sunderland Football Club who are keen to offer their support as their academy backs onto the Dene and they have real issues with the anti-social behaviour during school holidays and weekends.

This project is ambitious and will require additional funds therefore over the next two years we will source additional funding to achieve a number of environmental objectives, including:

- Improving health and wellbeing of residents
- Enhancing biodiversity of area
- Enhancing understanding of local wildlife
- Empowering community to look after local area

Through the next two years we are looking to develop the “Friends of Cut Throat Dene” which could become a sub group of FOF and sit on the newly formed steering group. Ideas include the creation of biodiversity and activity by planting wildflower areas to promote bees/butterflies, constructing/locating bird/bat boxes, bug hotels etc – also perhaps having a few signs/information signs located to say what flowers and plants are there and what they do. This will make it more of a destination for everyone and all of which could all be sponsored and helped by local businesses and funder’s.

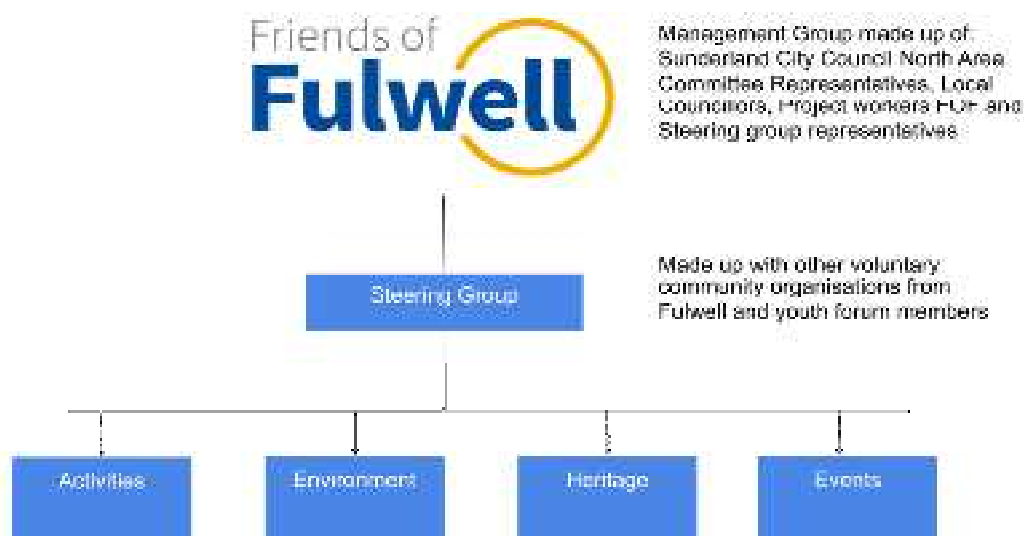
Funding will be sourced from funders including:

- Lottery Awards For All
- Virgin #Iwill fund
- The Local Environmental Action Fund (LEAF)

- The co-op foundation (Already secured approx £2000, due a payment at the end of the year)
- The Community Foundation
- The James Knott Trust
- Greggs
- Tesco's (Application is in with Tesco)
- Donations from the public we have already received approx £500 per year and hope to build on this.
- Donations from local businesses and sponsorship we have secured over £600 for this year and hope to continue and build on this over the next two years.

Information sharing | Partnership work

We have a very strong social media page which is actively followed by 3188 people plus we also have other facebook pages with a combined following of 6648 adding to this over 15,000 twitter followers meaning our social media is very strong. We are asked often to share news and information and the page has really helped to share news across Fulwell to great effect. The Police monitor the page and it has been a great asset even helping to lead to some successful arrests. The page does take some administration and it currently does not have the capacity to fulfil its potential. Moving forward we want to recruit more volunteers not only to help with the administration of the page but also with the coordination of volunteers and help in supporting other community voluntary organisations in Fulwell. We are looking to restructure so that working groups can work collectively and collaboratively going forward to create a more cohesive community. We propose to create a new management group that oversees the steering group as detailed in the plan below:



This new plan will enable FOF to grow and give it more capacity to move forward which will help with the aspirations of local groups and people. This will need detailed planning and design over the next two years to create a number of sub committees that work under the FOF project. This element of the program will be initially supported by ourselves but because of capacity issues this part of the project will rely on volunteers and we are hopeful of having a work placement Student from Sunderland University who will help drive this element forward.

Ward Events

We will continue to work to create and manage events to bring the people and the community together. We have a sound track record of delivering events and now have the experience and contacts to make things happen. We aim to make at least one event in each quarter which will include:

- Big Family Camp Out
- Armistice Day
- Christmas Celebration
- Halloween Party

The above events will be supplemented and supported by the young people who will be taking part in the mentoring program and will give FOF the added help and infrastructure to run these events. We will also work along existing partners such as Fulwell Library who have been a tremendous help in the past whilst also developing new ones through the newly formed steering group.

Recommendation – Approve

The April Joint Board considered the evaluations of the 2017 – 2019 Raising Aspirations Projects and agreed the themes for delivery for 2019 – 2021 this application provides a full programme of delivery to the agreed themes.

Application No. 3

Funding Source	SIB
Name of Project	St. Peter's – Raising Aspirations & Making Positive Changes
Lead Organisation	Sunderland Community Action Group

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB Application
£60,000	£10,000	£50,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
2 years	July 2019	July 2021

The Project

Sunderland Community Action Group (SCAG) has been delivering a wide range of Youth work activities in St Peter's ward since 2015. From 2017 SCAG have led and delivered a successful raising aspirations project across the ward, over that time, we have built strong positive relationships with young people, local families, older residents, Police, local businesses and other community groups across the St Peters ward.

SCAG have worked in partnership with Dame Dorothy Primary School to develop a community Hub which in the first instance aims to bridge the gap of a stand-alone Youth & Community venue within the ward. SCAG have developed a range of services that will directly address the youth ASB experienced within the ward. We are also developing a wider range of local services including disabled youth activities, adult and community learning, a wide range of Health and Wellbeing activities and Community Cohesion & integration work, supporting families and vulnerable adults.

SCAG will deliver a mix of Youth work provision which will include:

Three centre based Youth Work Sessions delivered at Dame Dorothy Community Hub, designed to appeal to a range of age groups.

Two Detached Youth work sessions targeting known ASB hotspots across the St Peters ward.

Two Multi (Match funded) sport/Cycling activities based at the new St Peters Sports & Cycle hub, delivering an alternative ASB we will deliver a range of Healthy sports-based activities.

A total of Seven dedicated youth sessions per week x 52 weeks per year

Monday 6-8pm

Intermediate group.

11-13yrs

This session is designed to cater for young people making the transition from Primary into secondary school. This is a really important time in a young person's life. By working closely with this age group youth workers will be able to form a long-term positive relationship which will be beneficial for the long-term future of youth development in the St Peters ward.

We will target both Dame Dorothy & Redby Primary school leavers. We will also target young people who have been identified through our current raising aspirations detached Youth work sessions, plus we will also work along-side the local Police team who can also make referrals of young people who may-be at risk of causing anti-social behaviour within the local community. Youth workers will engage with young

people through a range of fun based programs and activities, ensuring that there is something for one to access.

We will also offer young people an opportunity to become more involved in the learning and decision-making process, by taking an active part in the long-term development of the project. The sessions will be delivered in the new Dame Dorothy Youth & Community Hub on a Monday evening. We will also utilise the adjoining green space, riverside and beach areas in the warmer summer months for larger group sports activities.

We will use a minimum two qualified members of staff delivering a 2-hour face to face session (2.5hrs) in total including set up and clean up time. This session will allow young people to take part in a range of positive activities to meet their social, emotional, physical and cognitive needs whilst promoting positive behaviour, building confidence, self-esteem and developing their own personal skills, knowledge and abilities. The young people will also gain access to a healthy snack, arts and crafts, games, outdoor sports etc. Staff will also deliver a range of appropriate issue-based work and continue to develop our links with the Police, Tyne & Wear Fire Service etc. All sessions will be planned, delivered and evaluated with the input of young people to ensure the activities met their individual & collective needs.

Friday 7-9pm

Issue based Drop in

14-18yrs

This session is designed to offer young people access to information and support on a range of issues that affect young people across the St Peters ward. We will promote this session in the local academy school, also through our Street based Detached youth work sessions. Youth workers will offer a range of issue-based provision from anti-racism workshops to a Ccard drop-in service. Our staff are fully trained to deliver this provision and staff will also be on-hand to offer support to young people accessing this service. Staff will also have a range of information on hand in both hard copy and hand-held tablet form where young people can access a range of dedicated on-line websites. This service will be informal and have a drop-in style atmosphere. SCAG have just completed training and can now deliver anti-racism and positive community cohesion intervention workshops. These workshops will be used to discuss a range of issues that have impacted on the local community over the last 12 months. We will actively promote other health/issued based services and will encourage other like-minded professionals to populate this space offering guest speaker/ direct information to young people accessing the Hub.

Youth workers will also work alongside young people to develop a range of informal educational booklets and posters which will highlight and address current issues like racism, Sexual health, crime and drug & alcohol misuse affecting young people and families across the St Peters ward/North area of the city. Once complete these booklets and posters will be made available to local schools, Youth groups and other community venues across the north area. We will use a minimum of two qualified members of staff delivering a 2-hour face to face session (2.5hrs) in total including set up and clean up time. This session will allow young people to take part in a range of positive activities which will meet their social, emotional, physical and cognitive needs whilst promoting positive behaviour, building confidence, self-esteem and developing their own personal skills, knowledge and abilities

Saturday night breakout

11-18yrs

This session is designed to offer an alternative to hanging around known hotspots across the ward on a Saturday evening. This session will also have a strong link with our Detached Youth workers who will also be in the area on Saturday evening and will shepherd young people directly to the Community Hub as an alternative to being at risk of creating ASB. Our session will include free Wi-Fi access and a range of activities which are suitable for that age group.

Young people will have access to a range of music and games through hand-held tablets and we will also utilise the Kitchen space offering a range of healthy snacks and drinks which will act as an alternative to

hanging around and accessing the local fast-food outlets in the area. We will utilise the adjoining green space, riverside and beach areas in the warmer summer months for larger group sports activities. This session will allow young people to take part in a range of positive activities which will meet their social, emotional, physical and cognitive needs whilst promoting positive behaviour, building confidence, self-esteem and developing their own personal skills, knowledge and abilities.

Staff will facilitate and encourage young people to broaden their understanding of issues like ASB and how it affects them and their local community long term. Staff will support young people in their own personal development to grow positive relationships with their peers, staff members and other partner agencies. Youth workers will respect and acknowledge young people's rights and will continue to provide opportunities for them to understand and exercise those rights. We will create an atmosphere where young people will be encouraged to be active participants in their community. This session will give our partners like police & Tyne & Wear Fire Service the opportunity to sign-post young people to our provision offering an alternative to hanging street corners/ outside of local shops/food outlets. We will use a minimum of two qualified members of staff delivering a 2-hour face to face session (2.5hrs) in total including set up and clean up time. This session will allow young people to take part in a range of positive activities which will meet their social, emotional, physical and cognitive needs whilst promoting positive behaviour, building confidence, self-esteem and developing their own personal skills, knowledge and abilities.

Detached Youth work

Friday & Saturday

7-9pm

11-18yrs

These sessions are designed to be flexible and will focus on consultation, information sharing and relationship building.

Detached workers will also support key events in the area, for example Air Show and Illuminations etc. Due to opening of the Community Hub it is envisaged that detached Youth workers will sign post young people directly into new Community Hub, this will directly relieve pressure on front-line services like the police and Tyne & Wear Fire Service regarding ASB across the ward.

For those young people who may not want to access the community Hub directly Workers will continue to interact with young people with the aim of developing positive relationships and offering a range of sporting/fitness, fun activities as tools to address issues that affect young people's everyday lives i.e. crime, sexual health, education and the law. Youth workers will carry a range of resources including leaflets and flyers plus "Fast Track" information and support via the world wide web using a Wi-Fi roaming laptop and an android mobile phone.

Workers will continue to collaborate with the local police team and other relevant service providers across the ward. The sharing of information will help gain a greater understanding of current issues affecting St Peters ward. Youth workers will focus on detailed discussions regarding the dangers of crime and anti-social behaviour. Practical support will be given to young people who may also be victims of crime and active and positive links forged between young people, youth workers and the local beat police.

Youth workers will monitor the current group dynamics of young people who congregate within this area. The warmer months brings an influx of transient young people from across the City into St Peters ward, which bring the increased likelihood of anti-social behaviour and crime which brings a negative impact on local residents and business owners across the ward. We will use a minimum of two qualified members of staff delivering a 2-hour face to face session (2.5hrs) in total including information recording time. This session will allow young people to take part in a range of positive activities which will meet their social, emotional, physical and cognitive needs whilst promoting positive behaviour, building confidence, self-esteem and developing their own personal skills, knowledge and abilities.

Match Funding:

Sunderland Community Action Group have been successful in receiving funding from Sports England to deliver a range of cycling related services to young people within the local community. This funding includes a direct opportunity for young people to access direct training around cycling maintenance and the opportunity to become Group Cycle leader. This training will include delivering organised group bike rides to their peers and other members of the community. This activity will be free and include all equipment needed to introduce new participants and also cater for intermediate cyclists, therefore local young people will not face a financial barrier when engaging in cycling. In addition, these sessions will bring about additional benefits, such as motivating young people to steer away from anti-social behaviour, eat healthily and develop stronger relationships with other members of the local community.

St Peters Sport & Cycle Hub

Saturday & Sunday 12-2pm

11-18yrs

SCAG community coaches will provide a range of free activities which are suitable for all ages. Young people will have the opportunity to access a wide range of cycles including mountain bikes, specialist trikes and dual tandems. Our staff will also be on hand and support young people to access a range of fishing equipment, kites, and multi-sport equipment. Staff will also provide supervised activities like small-sided football, basketball, Netball and volleyball. Through the continued support of the City of Sunderland university.

SCAG have access to the University MUGA which is situated next to the Cycle Hub. The university have kindly allowed us to use the multi-use games area for free, supporting young people who may be at risk of causing ASB. These sessions will take place over the weekend, which will provide young people with somewhere to go and something to do. The activity will be used as a catalyst to steer young people away from ASB and into a positive activity's promoting a healthier lifestyle. We will use a minimum of two qualified members of staff delivering a 2-hour face to face session (2.5hrs) in total including set up & clean up time. This session will allow young people to take part in a range of positive activities which will meet their social, emotional, physical and cognitive needs whilst promoting positive behaviour, building confidence, self-esteem and developing positive relationships, knowledge and sporting abilities.

Community Cohesion workshops:

Wednesday & Thursday

Following several serious racist issues in St Peters ward in 2018 it was highlighted by local families that action needed to be taken to restore positive community Cohesion within the ward. Following those issues SCAG staff team have undertaken local authority training and are now able to deliver community cohesion workshops to local residents. The workshops will be delivered from Dame Dorothy Youth & Community Hub taking advantage of the proximity to the area's affected. This will be a group work activity and will involve bringing families together from different cultural backgrounds to discuss their own personal feelings, prejudices, hopes and fears. Staff will work closely with those families involved and will develop a program to help reduce/resolve conflict, increase understanding of religion and culture, building a platform to achieve common goals.

Family & Community Learning:

SCAG are keen to support the development of a family and adult learning delivery plan within the new Dame Dorothy Youth & Community hub. This delivery plan will help raise and improve aspirations of local people and ensure they have the skills to access a range of volunteering, training and work opportunities for those in the community who need it most. SCAG will work alongside local partners such as Media Savvy and other members of the St Peters Partnership, and we will also network with and develop strong

links with other voluntary and statutory organisations utilising a range of external services that will benefit all members of the local community. We are currently in the process of applying for CLLD funding via Sunderland City Council. We have submitted an Expression of interest form and have attended a LAG meeting. We are currently answering supplementary questions relating to the LAG meeting. If successful at EOI stage we are hoping to complete a successful stage two application with a delivery start date estimated in October 2019.

Recommendation – Approve

The April Joint Board considered the evaluations of the 2017 – 2019 Raising Aspirations Projects and agreed the themes for delivery for 2019 – 2021 this application provides a full programme of delivery to the agreed themes.

Application No. 4

Funding Source	SIB
Name of Project	Southwick Raising Aspirations
Lead Organisation	Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB Application
£75,650	£25,650	£50,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
2 years	July 2019	July 2021

The Project

The Southwick Raising Aspirations will build upon the successful partnership work of the **Friends of Thompson Park**. The group have worked to improve the park, notable achievements to date include a strong membership, including four organisations who are based within the park, new signage and planters and re-drafting of a park management plan which sets out aims for the future. Within the new plan there are ambitious ideas and options for park improvement. As part of this project we will focus on installation of a trim trail to encourage a healthier lifestyle and improvement of well-being for the residents of Southwick. The trim trail will see 8 stations at a cost of £1,500 each be installed to run alongside the new path that was created by the city council a few years ago. A graffiti project will also take place which will utilise the run down and often vandalised changing rooms, it will encourage young people to become involved and take ownership of the park. There will be boards put up so that murals and designs can be created; initially the project will work with a graffiti artist who will work with young people and teach them painting and design skills. The graffiti project will be aligned £3000 and this will pay for the boards, the installation and the time of an artist to work with groups of young people. The young people will be identified by SNYP through the centre based and detached youth work programme. The Raising Aspirations project will also lead on installation of play equipment for children and young people with disabilities this will cost £5000 and will be installed as part of the play area in the park.

The Friends group are also holding public consultations to ensure that the views of residents in Southwick shape the plans moving forward and create a park that will be utilised by the community now and in the future. Any additional costs needed outside of the raising aspirations project will be identified and applied for by the group who will approach grant making trusts and charitable donors as set out in the park management plan .

Just Let Your Soul Grow is a community well being project that utilises gardening and outdoor space to improve the lives and well being of the local residents. In the two years that it has been open it has attracted hundreds of local people through its gates to engage in one or more of the activities it provides. All of the activities are designed based on the needs and interests of the users of the garden and it caters for every age group with baby guru classes through to social gatherings for older residents. The aim is for the project to work to raise the aspirations of socially isolated members of the community including older men who are often neglected in provision design and individuals who want to improve their mental and physical health. The garden encourages people to work together and build supportive friendships and networks. It makes the outside enjoyable and meaningful by growing and cultivating plants and food. The large poly tunnel provides shelter on colder and wetter days as well as being a space for creative projects such as building with wood, potting and art work. The Raising Aspirations project will see the delivery of 80 sessions at the garden over the two year period. They will run for 5 hours each time, with two staff who can support, guide and inspire the local people who come along. The sessions will use the seasonal day light and there will be more that are delivered in the April-October period than in the darker months. All of them will be advertised via social media and word of mouth. We have working relationships with mental health services, residential homes and local Southwick based projects —we can refer people to these and also take referrals too. We will continue to be part of the Friends of Thompson Park group, working closely

with members who also offer services we refer into, including Sunderland Home Grown who we will refer to for people who are unemployed and want to get back into work and build up their employability qualities.

According to the World Health Organisation, green urban areas such as parks and public gardens facilitate physical activity and relaxation. Having access to green spaces can reduce health inequalities, improve well being and aid in the treatment of mental illness.

As part of the Raising Aspirations work, **Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project (SNYP)** would provide activities and services to the young people of Southwick to improve their health, well being and to help them develop into well rounded young adults.

We would like to provide an additional detached youth work sessions as a way of engaging with the young people who are most at risk of engaging in risky or anti-social behaviour. This additional session would take place on a weekend evening (either Friday or Saturday) and would target areas known to attract young people. We have been meeting with and receiving regular updates from the police and fire services in our community; this has informed the need to deliver additional detached services that will focus on Thompson Park, the riverside, Ridley Street and the tunnels to ensure that young people can move away from negative and potentially harmful activities into a more positive environment or way of thinking. We will continue to meet with the police and fire services when needed for a more joined up approach that will aim to prevent young people from having criminal records and steer them away from a criminal lifestyle. The provision that SNYP already provides means it is likely that the young people can have access to youth work services during their leisure time and this will be promoted depending on their needs and interests. We can help them to move into centre-based youth work activities, careers services, youth social action and volunteering, brief intervention programmes or use our networks if further support is needed outside of our expertise, i.e. YDAP, NECCA, CAMHS etc. We will also promote activities that are in our local area such as Sunderland Young People's Bike Project and sports clubs, including boxing.

We would also like to use Youth Social Action to encourage young people to engage in environmental projects and take responsibility for improving their community. Work with the already formed Youth Council at SNYP is ongoing and would be further supported within this project so that young people can continue to build upon their successful work. More activities will be undertaken to improve the appearance of the Southwick Green areas and surrounding streets, the young people will play an active role in the upcoming Southwick illuminations and they are also planning on seeking funding to complete an incredible edible project in Southwick and hopefully linking this to other social action projects in the north of the city.

The current raising aspirations project has supported junior youth club on a Friday at SNYP, we'd like this to continue as it gives 8-11 years olds a space and time where they can meet every week and take part in fun, informal activities that introduce them to the support structures of youth work as they transition from primary to secondary school. With the exception of some after school clubs, there is nowhere free and fun for this age group to go in our community, we want to give them an alternative to playing out on the streets and wanting to hang around with older young people whose behaviour may not always be age appropriate. We can encourage safe exploration of our community and the assets it offers with river walks, adventures at the quarries and fun and games on Thompson park. We will continue to give the young people an opportunity to own this session with their input into programme design and evaluation, ensuring they are listened to – and heard at SNYP.

All of the work undertaken at SNYP is needed. A recent community insight report puts Southwick above the national average for child poverty, unemployment, health inequalities and crime; our work aims to show young people an alternative to this lifestyle and raise their aspirations, hopes and widen their horizons.

Recommendation – Approve

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Application No. 5

Funding Source	SIB
Name of Project	Raising Aspirations Redhill
Lead Organisation	All About You North East CIC

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB Application
£68,500	£18,500	£50,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
2 years	July 2019	July 2021

The Project

We have project managed Raising Aspirations in Redhill since it began in September 2017. The 2017 – 2019 project surpassed expectations in many areas including amount of voluntary groups supported and number of people engaged in healthy lifestyles projects. As the project has become established we are also seeing increases in the number of youth sessions taking place, programmes tackling health inequalities and work improving the appearance of streets.

For 2019 – 2021 project proposals are to build on this and expand further and continue to provide services and activities catered to the needs of the Redhill ward. We propose to achieve this by delivery of the following:

- **Community Hub/Café** –will be delivered every Tuesday 12.00 – 2.00 at St Cuthberts Church in partnership with Greggs who provide surplus stock to be able to offer free snacks and refreshments at the café and Blossom Hill Care who utilise the café for their residents and staff every week. The project will continue to support a volunteer programme at the café by offering mentoring support and volunteering placement opportunities. The café will also become mobile. Community consultation has indicated a need to deliver a community hub/café at other locations within the ward and this project will deliver one at Red House Community Centre, Riverlife Church and Willowfields Community Centre on a rotational basis. This café will run on Thursdays from 12-2 pm. We also plan to continue to source outside funding to support the café from several funders such as CLLD, Awards For All, Subway Healthy Hearts, Greggs Core Funding, Children In Need, Tesco bags of help, Screwfix etc.
- **Youth Hub/Café** providing a safe place for up to 30 young people to meet and take part in activities including sports, chill out room, WiFi, PS4 and a place where young people can have someone to listen to their concerns and share their ideas to improve the hub and activities to be offered – this will be delivered at St Cuthberts on a Friday from 5.30 -7.00pm. The project will also carry out outreach work talking to young people at key areas where they currently gather such as the ash path off Rockingham Road, Red House allotments, Shipwrights green space/car park, Redmonds shops, Witherwack shops, quarry access points, Red House Club, Rawmarsh shops and Downhill centre shops and skate park in order to signpost them to the café. The project will work closely with Northumbria Police, to continue to ensure they signpost youth to the café and also continually provided updates on key areas in the ward to be targeted with outreach. Posters will be placed in local businesses and schools to advertise the provision. Moving forward we are discussing how we can either expand capacity of the youth café or add an additional evening at Red House Community Centre on a Monday. This is being discussed both with our young people and also linking in with Northumbria Police and TWFR.
- **After School Clubs** –will run on a Monday at Red House Community Centre and a Friday at St Cuthberts Church. Clubs runs 3.30-5.45 and cost £2 per child for ages 5-12 in order to ensure the project is self-sustainable.
- **School Engagement** – The project will work with one year group per term at Willowfields Primary taking classes to Marley Park Community Fire Station to provide sessions covering fire talks, station

visits, healthy eating, cooking on a budget, enterprise, being able to identify and understand food labels and basic nutrition. These sessions will also include a reward week at the end where children will be shown a movie and given treats. The pupils will also take part in an environmental litter pick where we clean areas in or around the school grounds once per term. We are hopeful to expand this to Northern Saints and St John Bosco Primary Schools, dates and times of these sessions to be confirmed by school at beginning of new school year in September. One of our primary aims for the next project window is to have more schools from the ward involved. We have worked with Willowfields Primary extensively and they continue to be very open and we have built a great relationship with the school. We are encouraged with St John Bosco and Northern Saints being open to working with us on litter picks, however we are aware that perhaps these schools still don't fully understand the Raising Aspirations and it's aims, and we are therefore working on an information pack for schools, which highlight what the project does and the ways we can work with schools to help us both achieve positive change.

- **Environmental Projects** – We have been working with Ward Councillor R. Davison in a effort to establish Environmental Teams within the ward. We have arrangements with the SCC Place Management Team who will assist in loan of equipment where necessary and also collection and disposal of waste. We will target areas identified by local councillors, consultation with residents, police, local businesses and the SCC Place Management Team. We currently have equipment previously funded through community chest to aid towards clean-ups, we also have seed funding which can be used to purchase more equipment if needed, we are also able to loan equipment from the SCC team. Clean ups will be carried out once per week across the ward, with potential for more one off clean ups if necessary or need arises. We are hoping more of our local schools will join us to encourage children and establish the importance of keeping the area clean and expanding the relationship we have built with Willowfields Primary. As stated above in School Engagement we have carried out conversations with Northern Saints and St John Bosco to identify their willingness to be a part of the project. Dates and times to be confirmed by school in September.
- **Community Shop/Fareshare** – The project has signed up to FareShare and a community shop will be provided at Red House Community Centre on Wednesdays. All funds raised via the community shop will be reinvested back into the project thereby ensuring this is fed into the sustainability of the project and ensures that those who are most in need benefit from the overall Redhill Ward Raising Aspirations Project. The project will also continue to consult with the local community who access the shop and work directly with FareShare to get products which people in the ward want and need. We are also keen to ensure the community shop continues to target those most in need, we are currently in discussions with Sunderland Foodbank who we will link with to help identify those most in need. We monitor those attending the shop through feedback forms, these forms are anonymous but we ask for employment details, age range, gender, type of benefit, if they have attended before and a postcode. In this way we are able to monitor attendees and identify those who we may be able to signpost towards other providers and support organisations such as CAB, Gentoo Money Matters, Christians Against Poverty and StepChange. In addition, Redhill Raising Aspirations 2017 – 2019 has signed up to Aldi's Neighbourly project, which donates surplus stock to charities and community projects in the area. Through this initiative surplus stock is collected twice a week, this is used to put together food parcels for those within the area who struggle financially or those who are socially isolated, again utilising our links with Sunderland Foodbank, word of mouth and links with partners such as Sunderland City Council, The Forage Community Project and Gentoo. We have also made neighbouring projects aware of this provision, such as SNYP and SNCBC. We believe that all of us working together will be able to bring about positive change towards this issue.
- **Youth/Outreach** – Following on from the success of the Youth Café and the ways in which 2019 - 2021 project will expand the youth café/hub provision, this project will carry out outreach/detached work in order to engage those young people who do not access youth provision or activities, again linking with TWFR and Northumbria Police where required. We will utilise green space at Marley Pots and use that area for open activities, such as football and different sports by having specialist coaches on hand to provide sports and activities for anyone who would like to take part. Outreach will take place on a Monday in Marley Pots/Witherwack and a Friday Red House/Downhill to ensure the all areas are covered and we can signpost youths into relevant activity. As we look to extend our outreach, we are also exploring the potential of working alongside the TWFR Phoenix Project, they would be able to signpost young people towards local provision and us towards theirs. In this way we

can ensure we are reaching the maximum number of young people we can. We have already had discussions with TWFR with regard to their SafetyWorks project. We have looked at this as a potential activity in relation to our work with local schools, however we believe it is something that can benefit youths as well, so we are exploring in what ways we can work with SafetyWorks in relation to our youth and outreach work.

- **Community Cinema** – TWFR have agreed to work with the project and trial a community cinema one Saturday every other month, the project would charge a small fee to support sustainability to cover licensing costs and support TWFR charities and show a range of movies from newer films to classics. Consultation will be carried out within the ward to identify what people would like to see and offer votes or surveys to see which movies they would like to see. Theme nights, special events, seasonal movies at Easter and/or Christmas will be delivered.
- **Community Champions** – A “Community Champion” Award will be developed where the Raising Aspirations Project recognises the great work carried out by people within the ward with an annual awards ceremony. We believe it is very important to show appreciation for the tireless efforts of many in the community who do what they do to make sure that activities continue to run. The Project will give someone an award once a month before bringing everyone together for the annual awards where we will also honour that years Community Champion

Recommendation – Approve

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